Preservation questions cited

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent

Each year our office gets some questions that we have not had before about food preservation. Some of these questions, I am going to share with you this week and for the next two weeks. This will be the first of a three-part question-answer series on some of our most frequently asked questions and some that are unusual.

Q. What causes pickles to be soft or slippery when taking them from brine?

A. There can be several reasons, some of which are using too weak brine for curing; using too weak vinegar; not removing the scum daily on the surface of the brine; not covering and weighting down the cucumbers that are in the brine; storing pickles in too warm a storage area; use of very hard water or using cucumbers with blossom ends attached.

Q. What causes hollow pickles?

A. Faulty growth patterns which are caused by temperature and amount of rainfall; improper curing; cucumbers standing too long before being processed (never leave standing over 24 hours from the garden to the processing) and high temperature during the fermentation process.

Q. A homemaker asked, "What causes my pickles to be dark? I've been making them for years and this year they are exceptionally dark."

A. Minerals in water, especially iron, can cause pickles to darken when being processed. Cooking utensils also play an important role. Always use stainless steel or an enamel pan. DO NOT use copper, brass, galvanized or iron. Other reasons for darkened pickles are ground spices such as cloves, and cooking too long with spices.

Q. What causes cauliflower to turn pink when being canned or pickled?

A. Home canning of cauliflower is a good way to beat the high cost of a favorite vegetable, but it does sometimes turn pink. When cauliflower turns pink, it means the produce is just overly mature. The taste is still as good and can be safely served.

Q. For years, when canning home tomatoes, pickles, dill beans, etc., a batch will sometimes turn bluish looking. They are still crisp and taste fine. What makes these vegetables turn blue?

A. Blue vegetables can happen any time garlic is used that has not been thoroughly dried. Garlic turns blue first and then turns the contents of the jar blue.

Q. Some years when canning tomatoes or tomato juice, the pulp and water separate. What can be done to prevent this and what causes it to happen?

A. Tomatoes and tomato juice separate because of a breakdown in the tomato enzymes. It happens when the tomatoes or juice are prepared and allowed to stand too long before being put in jars. Separation is not harmful. It just looks bad. A good guideline is to prepare only enough juice or tomatoes for one canner load at a time and to process as quickly as possible.

If you have a food preservation question or problem, you may call us at 352-8244 or write us at P. O. Box 498, Appomattox, Va. 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

A SPECIAL REMINDER: The Appomattox County Extension Office can test your pressure canner lid (with a dial gauge only) any time from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. We are delighted to do this at no cost to you.

Have a good week.

Good News For Homemakers

HOME ECONOMICS

Recipe of the Week
German Chocolate Ice Cream

1/2 cup sugar
2 tablespoons flour
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
2 cups milk
1 bar (4 oz.) sweet cooking chocolate, melted
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup shredded coconut
2 cups light cream OR half and half
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Combine sugar, flour, salt, and cinnamon in a 2-quart saucepan. Gradually add milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Cook 2 additional minutes. Remove from heat. Blend in melted chocolate. Blend in small amount of hot mixture into eggs. Return all to pan. Cook 1 minute. (Do not boil.) Remove from heat. Add coconut. Cool. Blend in cream. Chill. Stir in nuts. Churn-freeze. Makes approx. 2 quarts.

THE APPOMATTOX COUNTY Recreation Department's summer drama class culminated last Tuesday with a short play based on Aesop's Fables. Class participants shown are (from left) Susan Anderson, Jenny Sandman, Melinda Wilson, Mary Beth Hix, Angela Wright, Ashley Burke, Anna Cuccio, Kelly Kavanaicka, and Ginny Sweet. The two-week class was taught by Joyce Sweet.

Cowan named to council

Pat Cowan of Appomattox has been elected Vice-President of the Century 21 Brokers Council for Southwest Virginia. Cowan is the owner of Century 21 Countryside Real Estate, Inc. on Route 460 in Appomattox.

Other officers of the Council are Gail Boswell, president; Evelyn Lowe, secretary; and Jim Rice, treasurer, all residents of Lynchburg.

The Century 21 Brokers Council is an advisory group of franchise owners in a particular geographic area. They meet monthly to provide input in areas of joint concern such as advertising, sales associate training, professional standards and new developments in the real estate industry.

Rocks community news notes

By CASSIE BALDWIN

Be thankful for the freedom we have in this country. May we appreciate it more.

Many from this area were away for the July 4 holiday.

The Lord's Supper was observed last Sunday at Rocks. The day was also set aside for emphasis on world hunger. Be in prayer and give so that those who are hungry may be fed.

Sympathy goes out to the Chandler family in the death of their loved one last Friday night.

Congratulations to Hutson Dickerson, who won the birthday cake on WTTX last Tuesday.

Sorry to hear Lucille Maxwell fell at home last Tuesday and broke her wrist. She is in Lynchburg General Hospital. May she have a quick recovery.

The business meeting at Rocks Church which was scheduled for July 4 has been rescheduled for July 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Glad to hear Wiley Richardson is doing much better. May he continue to improve and soon be home.

The Young Hearts Club picnic will be held at Old Rocks July 25 at 10:30 a.m. Bring a covered dish.

Recent visitors of Roy Lucado and Mr. and Mrs. Lynford Cumbey were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lotendo of Louisville, Ky., and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Haag of Sterling, Va. They had attended the funeral of Mrs. Lucado's father, Mr. Willie Smith of Saxe, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin and Fred Martin and Mrs. Lackie Martin went to Richmond Wednesday to see the latter's brother, Al Maxwell, who is home from the hospital and doing much better.

The Rev. W.H. Elder preached at Central Baptist Church July 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond spent the weekend June 24 with Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Almond and family of Monterey, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cheal and daughter Carla Cappon of Nashville, Mich., were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Roach of Pamplin on the Fourth of July, enroute to Virginia Beach.

Glad to hear Wiley Wooldridge is back at Babcock Manor. He came home on Sunday, July 1. May he have a quick recovery.

Grayden Maxwell, Jr., and son of Georgia, and R.W. Wilbur Maxwell of North Carolina were here to see their brother, Joe, in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Maxwell of Pamplin, this week.

Susan M. Morris of Pamplin was named to the spring quarter dean's list at Radford University. Morris, a sophomore mathematics major, is the daughter of Glen Morris of Route 1.

Congratulations to Mrs. Julia G. Elder, who retired after 14 years as secretary of the primary school at Appomattox.

Congratulations to Timmy Almond, who was among the ten FFA members from Appomattox County who received the state farmer's degree at the 58th annual State FFA Convention held at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg in June. He received a certificate and gold key, symbolic of the state farmer degree.

Sympathy goes out to Mrs. Bobby Lucado, whose father, Mr. Willie Smith, of Saxe, passed away last week.

Get-well wishes go out to Odelle Ranson, who is not well.

Sympathy goes out to Mr. Clayton Beale in the loss of his relative.

Get-well wishes go out to Isabel Gowin, who is not well.

Bank files with SEC

Bank of Virginia Company announced this week that it has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for a shelf-registration relating to $50 million in debt securities that may be offered for sale from time to time during the next two years, upon such terms as

Proceeds of any offering would be used for general corporate purposes.

Bank of Virginia Company is a bank holding company with assets of approximately $3.8 billion.

It is comprised of full-service banking offices throughout Virginia, money market sales and trading, an international operation and specialized services for trust, leasing, asset based lending, real estate and consumer financing.

Chestnut Grove news notes

The Chestnut Grove Homemakers Club will meet Wednesday, July 11 at 2 p.m. at the clubhouse. Since the demonstration is on canning and freezing, each member is asked to bring a recipe or helpful hints on this.

Lewis Morgan is a patient at Southside Community Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morris, Sarah and Becky attended the wedding of Karolyn Seay and Walt Geigert at Dillwyn Baptist Church.

H. Flood Harris of Green Bay was a Saturday visitor in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny M. Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris.

News was received here Thursday of the accidental death of the Rev. Lawrence Graybeal of Abingdon, a cousin of Mrs. Alice Senger. She attended the funeral and remained for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Graybeal. Mr. and Mrs. Preston Senger of Crewe and Dale Senger of this community also attended the funeral. The Rev. Clyde Senger of Crewe was there for visitation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Henson Morris were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Flood at Andersonville. They were also Sunday visitors of Richard and Walker Webb of Appomattox.

Brandon and Alica Senger spent Thursday night with Aaron and Adam Harris of Appomattox.

Mrs. Ellen Beasley accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morris and Susan as far as Troutville to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Beasley, all had supper Saturday there and afterwards the Morrises went on to Blacksburg to visit Mrs. Morris' sister and brother-in-law., Mr. and Mrs. Will Mc Elfresh.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny M. Harris and boys attended a cookout Saturday night with relatives at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Waycaster of Dillwyn.

Mrs. Alice Senger spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pope at Crewe.

Mrs. Roger Morris and Becky and Michael Hardiman visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rice Seay at Andersonville, Sunday.

Mrs. Katherine Carson, Scott and Robin Carson, all of Spout Spring, ate lunch with Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley, Jr.

The Rev. Robert Wood of Keysville preached at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Sunday at the 11 a.m. worship service while the pastor, the Rev. John E. Mann, Sr., was on vacation.

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Letters

Bloodmobile visit called a success

The Appomattox scheduled visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile took place on Tuesday, June 26, at Liberty Baptist Church. A total of 118 donors registered with seven deferred, making a collection of 111 units.

Our established quota was 100 units, so we were happy to go over that, as the summer has brought on acute shortages of blood.

After being notified of the shortage, we just hoped to collect as much as possible and not worry about the quota. This was a good number for the day, but we could have used more, so maybe our visit in August will be still better.

Eleven donors were awarded pins at this visit. Jane M. Perdue and Marie R. Nash received seven-gallon pins; John T. Williams received a four-gallon pin; Raymond O. Coggins received a three-gallon pin; David Hasth, Katherine S. Lee, Jones, and William R. Dandridge received two-gallon pins; and Shirley Walton, Richard Tyree, Raymond Mullins, and David L. Godsey received one-gallon pins.

We were happy to have six first-time donors, and I hope they will be repeat donors. They were Eve Thomas, David L. Robertson, Debra Jones, Sudie Rowe, Robert Mullins and Harold Wyatt.

Again, thanks to our many volunteers. Our canteen sponsors were the Lions Club and the Girl Scouts. They did a fine job serving our donors. Others who contributed were Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Travelers Inn Motel, and Food World.

I hope to see all of you and many more on our next visit, at the church on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Sincerely,
Alice C. Martin, chairman
Blood Services

Red Cross says 'thanks'

Editor:

Thank you to all of the citizens of Appomattox County for your donations to our Red Cross Annual

you to the Times-Virginian Newspaper for the publicity and to WTTX Radio for announcing our fund drive many times.

We did not meet our goal, but every little bit helped and we do appreciate those who gave that we can keep Appomattox County Red Cross ready when needed.

A special thanks to those working with me this year, Grover Beasley, Bill Hunter, Charlie Tanner, and Betty Weiss.

Sincerely,
Edith N. McCormick, Chairman,
Appomattox County Red Cross
Fund Drive - 1984.

APPOMATTOX MAYOR Ronald C. Spiggle presented Mrs. Julia Elder with an American flag on behalf of Post 194 of the American Legion. Accepting the flag for Appomattox Primary School was Mrs. Elder's last official duty there as she retired this year after serving as APS's secretary for 16 years.

Henrietta Johnson is new board chairman

By FRANCES ABBITT

Henrietta Johnson was elected chairman of the Appomattox County School Board at its meeting Thursday.

In addition, board members elected Dr. A.A. Fratrick vice-chairman of the board for the coming year.

Board members also re-appointed Mrs. Etta Inge clerk and Mrs. Lois Foxwell deputy clerk for the 1984-85 school session.

Lloyd Walton, superintendent of schools, reviewed the projected special education program for the coming school year. A total of 274 students will receive special services from 17 teachers.

The board renewed the gifted and talented program conducted by the school system during the 1983-84 session, in which $10,091.37 was expended from state funds to provide services to 611 students. In addition to the state funds, activities were provided for gifted and talented students within the regular program.

The board voted to expand the gifted and talented program for 1984-85 to include employment of a full-time teacher to provide services in grades two through six, and employment of a half-time teacher for services in grades seven and eight.

Plans for renovation of the vocational agriculture building at Appomattox Middle School were reviewed. Plans include installation of a new furnace to serve the building, a heat pump to serve the guidance suite and a heat pump to serve the county library. At present, the furnace in the vo-ag building serves all three facilities.

Other proposed renovations include a new roof, new windows with part of the present windows being closed, new lights, a new ceiling in the classrooms and general refurbishing of the building throughout. The estimated cost for the project ranges from $100,000 to $125,000. The board authorized Walton to proceed with the project and to seek approval from the county board of supervisors to advertise the project to receive bids.

A major concern of the school board, school personnel and parents is maintaining acceptable behavior on school buses. Although bus drivers and school principals have succeeded in maintaining generally acceptable behavior of students on buses, there are still concerns of misbehavior which school personnel feel must be corrected.

Prior to the August School Board meeting, Walton and Transportation Supervisor William Perrow will meet with parents, bus drivers, principals and others to consider conduct standards for students while on the school buses. In addition, specific guidelines will be developed to assure uniform enforcement of the standards throughout the system and to inform students and parents of the consequences of failing to meet the standards.

The board approved a request from the FFA alumni to construct a new road at the back of the tennis courts at Appomattox County High School leading to the Land Laboratory adjacent to the property.

MRS. HENRIETTA JOHNSON (front left) was elected Chairman of the Appomattox County School Board at last week's meeting. Dr. A.A. Fratrick, right, was elected vice-chairman. Other board members include Mrs. Debbie Powell, (back row, left) J.B. Drinkard, (center) and Robert Stewart (right).

Service Planned For Appomattox County Citizens

A weekly garbage pickup service is being planned for Appomattox County residents. To determine the demand for such a service at this time, I would like response from Appomattox citizens.

Payment would be on a monthly basis with service tentatively planned to begin August 1.

INTERESTED APPOMATTOX COUNTY RESIDENTS

CALL DONALD CORDELL -

352-2497 After 6 p.m. or

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Route 1, Box 89 - Spout Spring, Va. 24593

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER'S SALE
PUBLIC AUCTION

By virtue of decree entered by the Circuit Court of Appomattox County, Virginia on the 28th day of May, 1984, in the Chancery cause in the style of Virginia F. Saville, et al v. David L. Doss, the undersigned will offer for sale the following parcel of real estate located in Stonewall District of Appomattox County, Virginia, and owned by Virginia F. Saville and David L. Doss.

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1984 at 10:00 a.m.
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That certain lot or parcel of real estate with all buildings and improvements thereon lying and being in Stonewall District of Appomattox County, Virginia, fronting on the East side of Highway 26 approximately 825 feet, about two miles North of Appomattox, Virginia, and being the same property conveyed the owners by deed recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Appomattox County, Virginia in Deed Book 96, at page 164, containing 1.62 acres. House in good condition, aluminum siding, 3 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen and bath, garage, well and septic tank.

TERMS: 10% down payment day of sale by depositing in one of the banks in Appomattox County to the credit of the Circuit Court of Appomattox County, Virginia, for the benefit of the above said cause.
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Lynchburg, Virginia 24505
804/528-5500

McMath elected to WC trustees board

George N. McMath, president of Atlantic Publications, Inc., the parent company of the Times-Virginian newspaper, has been elected to the board of trustees at Virginia Wesleyan College.

McMath is one of three new members of Virginia Wesleyan's board of trustees, according to an announcement from Judge Jerry G. Bray, Jr., chairman.

Harold H. Hall, president and chief operating officer of Norfolk Southern Corporation, and James M. Wells, III, president, eastern National United Virginia Bank, join McMath as new members of Virginia Wesleyan's board of trustees.

McMath, a resident of Onley, Va., served in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1963 to 1970. His Accomac, Va. publishing company owns 20 publications in Virginia, Maryland and Delaware.

McMath served as state president of the Jaycees in 1954-55, and as president of the Virginia Press Association in 1967-68.

About soccer

'The universal game'

Editor's Note: This is the first of four articles about the game of soccer. The articles are written by Bob Hudson, recreation director for the Appomattox County Recreation Department.

By BOB HUDSON

Today the most popular team sport in the world is often called the universal game, because of its tremendous following in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, South America, and now, North America.

It is also perhaps the world's oldest team sport. The game's origins can be traced back almost 5,000 years.

This game requires a bare minimum of equipment and can be played on any piece of open ground: the yard, a playground, the beach, a street (if there is no traffic).

Almost any unobstructed area will do for a pickup game. Requirements for a formal match are relatively simple: a ball, a field 70 to 100 yards long and 40 to 50 yards wide, and, at each end, a goal area.

Another popular aspect of this game is its simplicity. There are basically two elements: defending one's goal and trying to propel the ball into the other team's goal. The ball is moved primarily by kicking. If the ball goes into a team's goal, a "goal" is scored by the opposition. The team having the most goals at the end of the game is the winner.

For those who don't know, this game is called SOCCER!

(Information for this article was gathered from the Youth Soccer Book, by Karl-Heins Schreiber, published by the Rand-McNally Co. in 1983).

For cheerleaders

Workshop still open

There are still openings for the Cheerleaders Workshop to be held at Longwood College July 29 to Aug. 1.

Jumps, pom-pom routines, new yells, partner stunts, crowd leadership, a variety show and a giant pep rally are some of the activities planned.

The workshop will feature the staff of the Nation-Wide Cheerleaders Association under the direction of Ron and Jean Zucchelli, founders. Cheerleaders from several states will attend.

For additional information, call Nation-Wide Cheerleaders Association, 2719 Melloney Lane, Indiana, Pa. 15701.

VA makes 181 MH loans

The Virginia Manufactured Housing Association announced this week that the Veterans Administration made 181 manufactured home loans to veterans living in Virginia during calendar year 1983.

The VMHA said these loans totaled $3,415,557. There are approximately 654,000 veterans living in the state of Virginia.

Ron Dunlap, executive director of the VMHA, said that veterans and other consumers are finding that manufactured homes can be financed with banks and savings and loans with terms as long as 30 years. The average term, however, is usually 15 years. "In addition, the Federal Housing Administration and the VA both continue to have active programs for manufactured homes," Dunlap said.

He pointed out that changes in financing have paralled other changes in manufactured housing. "There have been a zumbee of changes to benefit veterans and other consumers. Most important, the manufactured home today is built to a strict standard enforced by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development," Dunlap said.

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